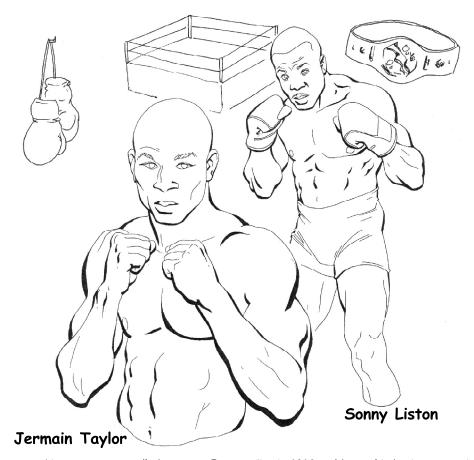


Ellen Carpenter was born in Little Rock's historic Ninth Street district. She is a community servant, retired teacher, and former president of the Retired Educators of Little Rock Public Schools and other community and neighborhood associations. Governor Mike Huckabee appointed Mrs. Carpenter to the Mosaic Templars Center for African American Culture and Business Enterprise Advisory Board and her firsthand experiences have assisted with the rebuilding of the Mosaic Templars Building that was built in 1911 and dedicated by Booker T. Washington in 1913.

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Sonny Liston was reportedly born near Forrest City in 1932 and began his boxing career in 1953. By 1963, he was the World Heavyweight Champion. Liston lost his title to Muhammad Ali in 1964. His boxing career included 39 knockouts and only 4 losses.

Born in 1978 in Little Rock, Jermain Taylor showed an interest in boxing as early as 13 and won his first national tournament by 1995. Jermain has won several titles and the bronze medal in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Since he made his professional debut in 2001, he has been known as Jermain "Bad Intentions" Taylor and is the undisputed Middleweight Champion of the world.



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